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DIARY NOTES

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1. I met with Howard Osborn, Emmett Echols, and [REDACTED] 25X1A9a to advise them that [REDACTED] 25X1A9a has agreed that we need not brief [REDACTED] 25X1A9a on security and suitability cases. As a substitute, however, we will discuss these cases with Kirk. To this end, I felt that there should be just as much contribution from the Medical Staff and the Office of Personnel as from the Office of Security. I have therefore asked them all to review their cases and to notify me when they have done so, hopefully not later than Wednesday, 18 November. Then we will call another meeting to prepare ourselves and to prepare recommended courses of action for the meeting with Kirk.

2. I was impressed with two or three things in the briefing by the Clandestine Services Personnel Division today:

a. First, I think that we should probably discuss the Office of Training rotation problem further with Matt Baird inasmuch as Ron [REDACTED] 25X1A9a left me with the definite impression that Matt is really trying to have the best of both worlds and that he recommends people for assignment for several successive tours and also recommends people for assignment who are not going to be instructors. I think that we should be realistic about this and have some firm agreement with the Clandestine Services about instructors and not try to push too hard in the other fields.

b. In listening to [REDACTED] 25X1A9a I was impressed with the number of people who participate in the Clandestine Services Personnel Management Committee: a representative from each area division plus two or more others plus the DD/P Training and Qualifications Officer--a total of approximately thirteen. In fact, thirteen members were present at the 28 October meeting. The Agent Panel consists of five people, the SSA-DD/S, and a secretary. This strengthens my present feeling that neither of these groups is the right place to consider the kind of information which is handled by our Overseas Candidate Review Panel, Personnel Evaluation Board, and Applicant Review Panel.

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3. I talked with Howard Osborn about the Scott-Allen article in which Bill Crockett is quoted as saying that the Department of State has a very

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serious homosexual problem. In connection with the status report which Howard is now preparing on our reinvestigation program, he will prepare himself to respond to the Director or anyone else on this subject without being vague.

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